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Patent Application of:

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For: ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL APPARATUS FOR EXPOSURE APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Cancel claims 1-10.

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Add the following new claims 11-25:

11. (Added) An exposure apparatus for forming an image on an object by using exposure light having a wavelength range in which oxygen absorbs the exposure light, comprising:
an ozone removing filter disposed in a flow path of a gas supplied to an area including a light